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Traffic in Moscow is fairly heavy, although it is not comparable to that in a large US or western European city. The principal automotive traffic in cities was trucks. The main streets in the cities were always good. They were generally of a width larger than that found in New York or Chicago. The major streets were at least the width of such streets as Fifth Avenue in New York or Michigan Avenue in Chicago. As soon as one leaves the main section of the city, the streets become much narrower -- i.e. two-lane. There is a well paved, three-lane highway between Moscow and the airport on which it is possible to pass another car.

In Tbilisi the streets are all narrow except for one or two main thoroughfares. The number of passenger cars on the roads in Tbilisi seemed greater than that in either Minsk or Kiev. That is just an impression. Except for Moscow, where there was a great deal of truck traffic, there never were conditions of overcrowding of cars. There is very frequent public transportation service within the cities, but bus and train service to outlying districts is infrequent.

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In the cities, crews of men and women work night and day to keep snow off the streets. [] any litter in the streets and they seemed to be in good repair in the urban areas. [] the roads in the cities were black top. The out-lying roads of Moscow were also well maintained, but in other cities, outside the central urban area the snow was allowed to pile up, and we had no idea of what the road surfaces were. In Georgia the roads often became impassable []

[] electric train from Sukhumi to Tbilisi. The track did not appear to be narrow gauge. There was an extensive amount of rail traffic. On the Sukhumi-Tbilisi run [] a lot of freight traffic. [] a lot of passenger traffic in the Caucasus which looked like commuter traffic. Between cities there seemed to be two tracks, one going each way. This was also true for the trackage between Kiev and Kharkov; [] much less freight moving between these latter two points.

There was a fairly large number of railroad bridges in the Caucasus, but [] many bridges on either the Kiev-Kharkov or Moscow-Leningrad stretches, which were [] only other two railroad rides.

[] about 30 to 50 km north of Tbilisi a new dam. It was small and had a small hydroelectric station. Also, in Tbilisi [] shown movies of a new pipeline into that city.

[] a number of crippled people, usually men who had been World War II casualties. There was no evidence of malnourishment. The people were generally healthy, although their diet had a heavy concentration of starch. []

[] In the factories [] there was always a dispensary and local first-aid station, a little hospital attached to the dispensary. [] anyone who got sick would call the local hospital and a doctor would be sent to him. If the doctor found the patient to be actually sick, the patient would receive his salary while absent from the job. []

[] In the cities [] a number of pharmacies, and it seemed that people went in on their own and paid for what they got.

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The streets were always clean. No litter was thrown anywhere in the buildings. Trash cans were placed at frequent intervals along the streets. The public toilets, on the other hand, were always very poor and very dirty. The main smells we encountered were near the toilets and they were invariably there.

never cautioned about drinking water, and no one hesitated to serve it. In all public rooms and offices there is a pitcher of water and a bowl to rinse your glass in the water in the bowl and that evidently makes the glass all right for the next person to use.

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